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In the Drawings

Please replace Figure 2a, 4a, 5 and 6 currently on file with the enclosed amended Figures.

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REMARKS

Examiner has objected to the drawings for filing to comply with 37CFR 1.84(p)(5) as they do not include reference signs mentioned in the description: 33,55,56.

Applicant has amended Figures 2a, 4a, 5 and 6 to include reference numerals 33, 55 and 56 as mentioned in the specification. Applicant has provided a set of replacement sheets as well as a set of annotated sheets showing the amendment for Examiner's reference.

Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include reference character 46 not mentioned in the description.

Applicant has amended the specification on page 8 in the paragraph beginning at line 3, to include reference character 46 which refers to the open ends of the annular cavities.

Examiner has rejected claims 14-20 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended claim 14 to depend from claim 13. Applicant believes that claim 14 is now in condition for allowance. Further, Applicant believes that claims 15-20 which depend from claim 14 are also in condition for allowance.

Examiner has rejected claims 1,7-10 and 12 and 13 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the Japanese reference (JP 09-290113A)

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the conditional allowance of claims 2-6 and 11 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 3 which Examiner has indicated is patentable. Thus, Applicant believes that amended claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 1, claim 3 having been cancelled.

Claim 13 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2 and thus applicant believes that claim 13 is now in condition for allowance, as are claims 14 – 20 which depend therefrom.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 1- 20 now on file.

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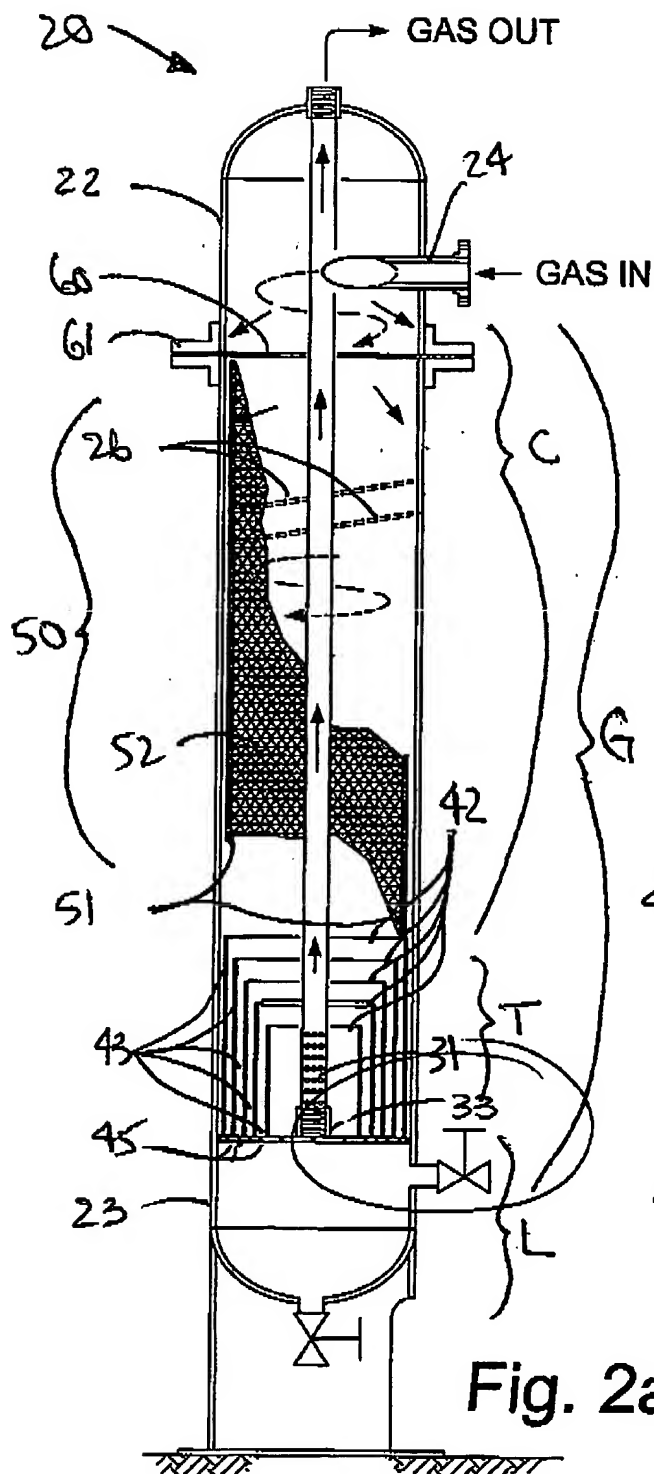


Fig. 2a

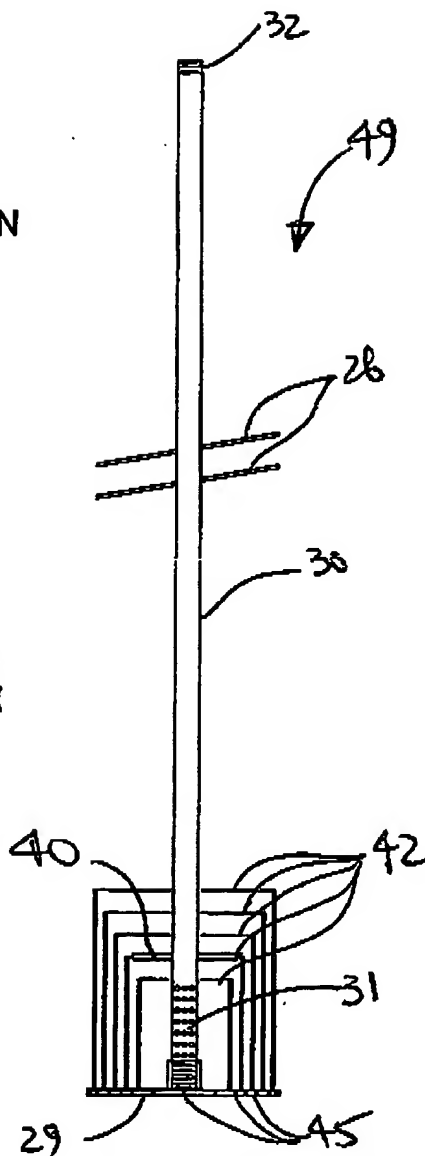
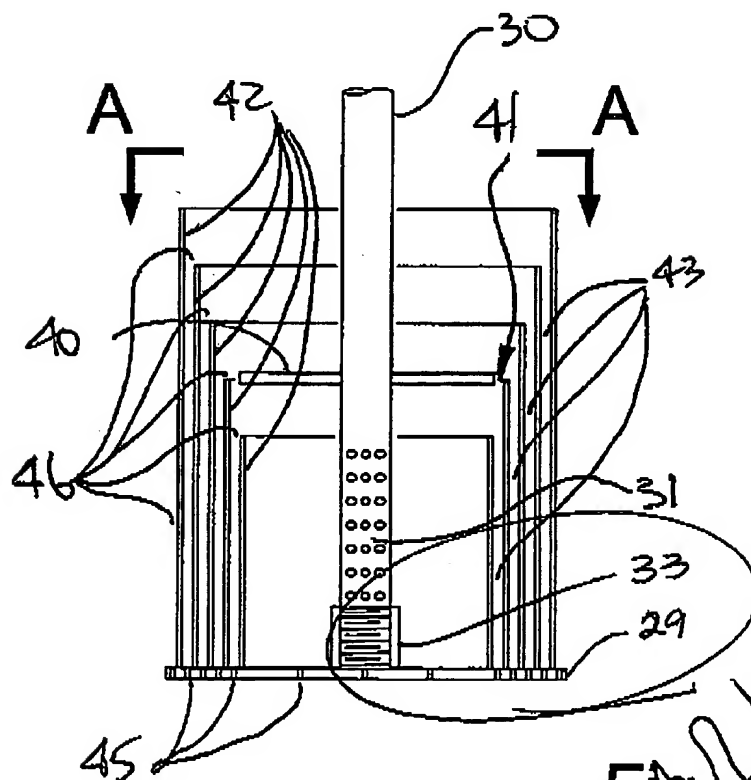
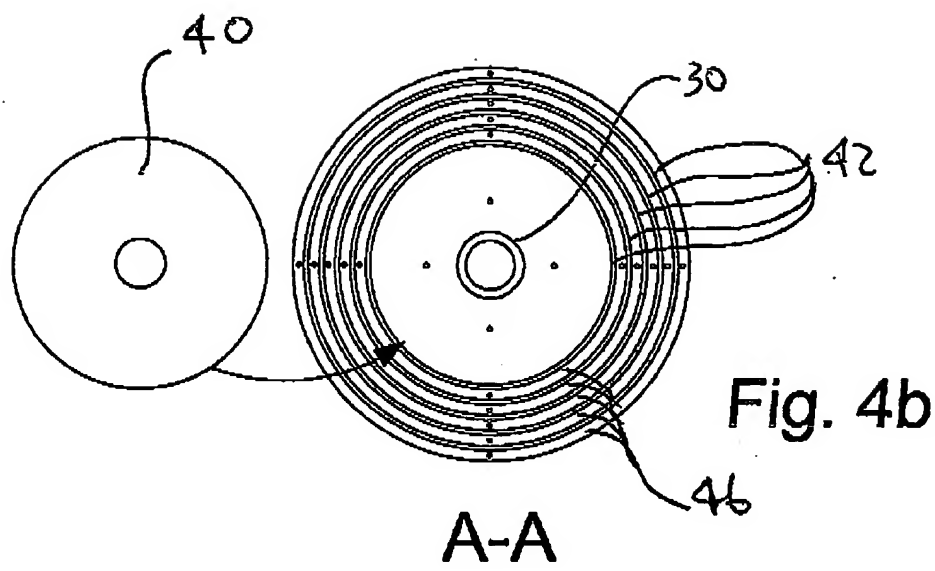


Fig. 2b

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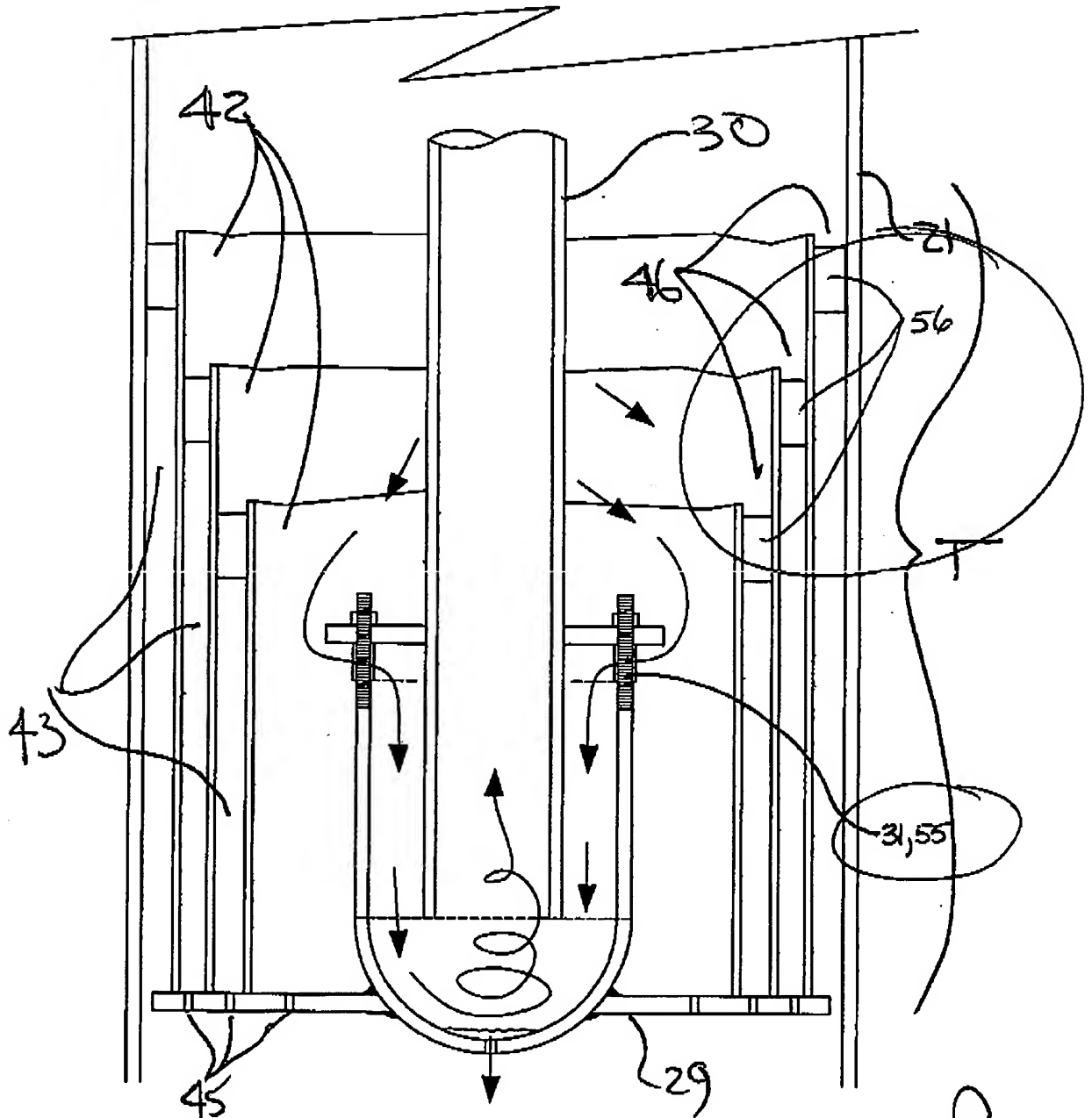
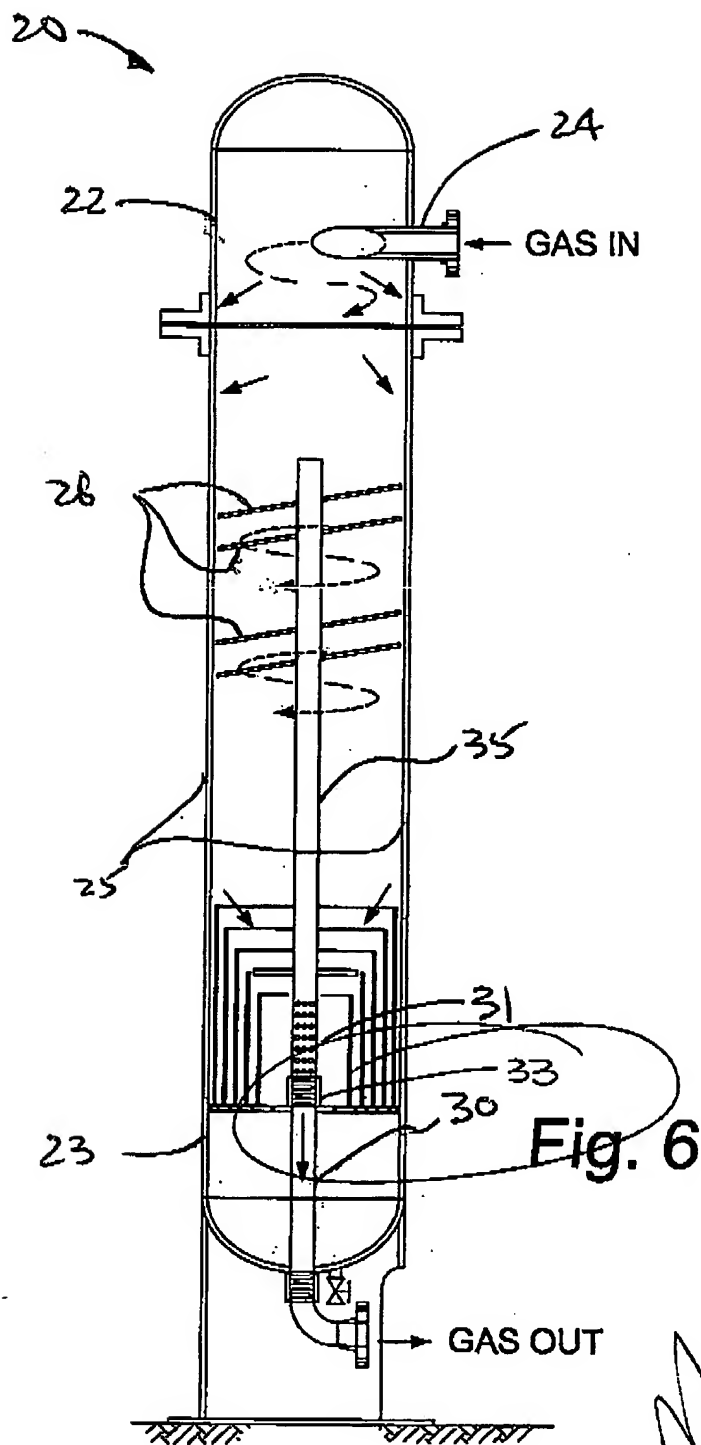


Fig. 5

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